(b) whether Government has taken a decision to return the ground to the Government of Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, by when this work would be done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The land has been with the Army on hire/lease, the period of which has expired. The matter was taken up with the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, since the land is required for the use of Army. No final decision in this regard has been taken.

Fake encounter in Jammu and Kashmir

2318. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has named 14 persons including army officers as responsible for the fake encounter in Pathribal, Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether DNA samples were deliberately fudged to help the persons responsible for the encounter; and

(c) if so, the details of the investigation and action taken against those who messed with the DNA test?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The investigation by Central Bureau of Investigation regarding the incident of alleged killing of 5 civilians at Pathribal, Panchalthan, Jammu and Kashmir, on 25.3.2000 and for fixing responsibility into the incident of fudging of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) samples is still underway.

Stress and depression among Soldiers

2319. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a report of military authorities, our soldiers engaged in low-intensity conflict areas feel very much stressed/ depressed as a result of fatigue, which has been resulting in devastating impact on our army personnel; and

(b) whether Government has studied this report and if so, what is the action plan of Government to address this issue?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (b) There is no report by Military authorities that soldiers engaged in low-intensity conflict areas are stressed or depressed. In the army, rigorous military training from the recruit stage and inculcation of spirit de corps makes a soldier less vulnerable to stress.

Title documents of Debolim Airport, Goa

2320. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has title documents of Debolim Airport in Goa in their favour;

(b) if so, date on which the title was acquired;

(c) total area of the land;

(d) total area used by the Airport Authority of India; and

(e) details of the agreement/other document entered into, if any, by Government with the Airport Authority?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) Post liberation of Goa in 1961, Dabolim Airport was handed over to the Ministry of Defence by an order of the then Military Governor. The Ministry of Defence has, accordingly, title of 1687.51 acres of land in Dabolim airport since 9th April, 1962. The Airport Authority of India is using 25.696 acres of this land. Out of 25.696 acres of land, in possession of the Airport Authority of India, 14.995 acres of Defence land has been transferred by the Ministry of Defence to the Director General Civil Aviation on 22nd June, 1966.

Programme of village energy security based on bio-mass

2321. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made announcement that programme of village energy security based on bio-mass will be implemented in 600 villages from 600 districts in the country in the last year;